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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to the Applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR § 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with *** on ***.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

In claim 1, line beginning *providing at least*, change "variant" to --variants--.

In claim 3, line 1, change "sep" to --step--.

In claim 12, line 2, delete "in each case".

In claim 13, line 2, change "APR)" to --(APR)--.

Cancel claim 19.

Add new claim as follows:

21. System for recognizing speech, comprising:

means for providing a pronunciation space (PS) including possible pronunciation rules and/or sets thereof, wherein said pronunciation space (PS) includes an approximate set of pronunciation rules (APR) determined and/or generated in accordance with a current pronunciation (CP) of a current speaker, and

means for providing at least one current lexicon (CL) or a dictionary of pronunciation variants, which is employed for recognition, adapted to said current speaker by applying said approximate set of pronunciation rules (APR) to it, thereby including speaker specific pronunciation variants to said current lexicon (CL);

means for projecting said current pronunciation (CP) into said pronunciation space (PS);

means for calculating distance values (d1,...,d4) with respect to Eigenpronunciations (E1, ...,E4);

means for determining a lowest distance value (d4); and

means for choosing a set of pronunciation rules as said approximate set of pronunciation rules APR which correspond to the Eigenpronunciations (E4) being assigned to said lowest distance value (d4).

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